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FM AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7758

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FOR OIC/NSU

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TAGS: ASEC NSU
SUBJ: HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS SEABEE ACS, PAYMENT OF SHIPPING

1. SITUATION: SEABEE ACS WAS AUTHORIZED SHIPMENT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR PCS POST BUDAPEST. TOTAL WEIGHT AUTHORIZED 8,000 LBS. AUTHORIZATION CAME FROM HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS OFFICE, NAVAL AIR STATION, PATUXENT RIVER, MD. ACS CONTACTED AND WAS COUNSELED BY REPRESENTATIVE JOANNE WISNER. ACS WAS INFORMED BY WISNER THAT ACS WAS AUTHORIZED 8,000 LBS HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS SHIPMENT ON 18 NOV 76. AT THIS TIME ACS WAS INFORMED THAT BUDAPEST HAD NO WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS SHIPMENTS. THEREFORE ACS AUTHORIZED PROCEDURES TO BEGIN FOR PICKUP AND DELIVERY OF APPROX 1,000 LBS TO BE SHIPPED TO WEST VIRGINIA FOR STORAGE AND APPROX 3,000-4,000 LBS TO BE SHIPPED TO BUDAPEST IN TWO SHIPMENTS (ONE AIR FREIGHT OR EXPRESS SHIPMENT OF 1,000 LBS AND APPROX 2,000-3,000 LBS SURFACE SHIPMENT).

2. SEABEE ACS WAS CONTACTED BY HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS OFFICE (J. WISNER) ON 19 NOV 76 CONCERNING SHIPMENT. ACS WAS INFORMED BY WISNER THAT THE TOTAL SHIPMENT, EXCLUDING 1,000 LBS TO WEST VIRGINIA, WOULD BE SENT BY AIR. ACS QUESTIONED AUTHORITY OF DECISION TO SHIP BY AIR. WISNER
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REFERENCED AUTHORITY FOR THIS METHOD OF SHIPMENT GIVEN BY HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS OFFICE, ANACOSTIA NAVAL STATION.

3. SURFACE SHIPMENT PICKED UP 22 DEC 76 WILL BE DELIVERED BUDAPEST ON OR ABOUT 28 JAN 77. SHIPMENT LEFT RHEIN-MAIN AB GERMANY VIA RAIL ON 20 JAN 77.

4. PROBLEM IS AS FOLLOWS: EMBASSY BUDAPEST ADVISES THAT SEABEE ACS IS NOT AUTHORIZED MORE THAN 2,000 LBS. HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS SHIPMENT. ACS DESIRES TO KNOW WHAT THE PROCEDURE IS FROM THIS POINT. WILL ACS HAVE TO PAY SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A MISTAKE MADE BY HOUSEHOLD GOODS OFFICE IF INDEED A MISTAKE HAS BEEN MADE? EMBASSY REFERENCES FACT THAT BUDAPEST IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RESTRICTED POST. NO REFERENCE TO THIS EFFECT WAS GIVEN ACS EITHER VERBALLY OR IN WRITING. IF HOUSEHOLD GOODS ARE ACCEPTED AND PAYMENT IS MADE BY GOVERNMENT, HOW WILL ACS OBTAIN RETURN SHIPMENT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS TO THE U.S. WHEN HIS TOUR IS COMPLETED IN 1979?

5. EMBASSY ALSO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS SO THEY WILL KNOW IF THE EMBASSY WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR SHIPMENT OR CHARGE ACS FOR BALANCE OF OVERWEIGHT. ALSO EMBASSY ADVISES THAT EMBASSY CAN ONLY AUTHORIZE SHIPMENT OF 2,000 LBS HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS WHEN ACS HAS COMPLETED HIS TOUR IN 1979.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PARA 3 ABOVE WITH IMMEDIATE CABLE.
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